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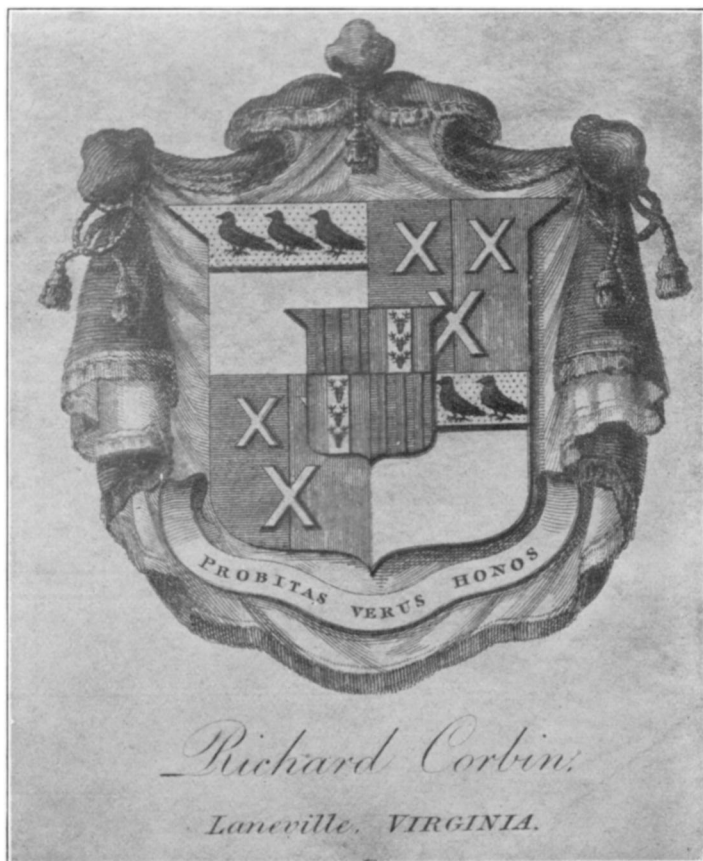
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BOOK-PLATE OF RICHARD CORBIN

GENEALOGY

THE CORBIN FAMILY.

(Continued)

24. GAWIN CORBIN, of "Yew Spring," Caroline County, was under age at the time his father, John Corbin, of "Portobago" died. On Feb. 11, 1768, William Woodford, of Caroline, was appointed his guardian. In 1778 he was J. P. for Caroline. There are various deeds from him in Spotsylvania County. On Aug. 30, 1794, Gawin Corbin and Elizabeth his wife of Caroline County exchanged 937 acres in Spotsylvania for 312½ in Westmoreland. No record of his death is accessible. He married in 1776, Elizabeth, daughter of Thos. and Sally (Skelton) Jones, of Northumberland County and had issue.

49. Elizabeth.

50. Letitia Lee, married (Caroline Co.) Aug. 1806, Yelverton B. Portch.

51. Gawin.

52. Lancelot.

53. Sally.

54. George.

Mr. A. G. W. Corbin, recently of Northumberland Co., was a grandson of Gawin Corbin and had portraits of John Corbin and Letitia his wife, of Gawin and Jane, their children and of Mrs. Betty Tayloe Corbin Turberville.

34. RICHARD CORBIN of "Laneville," was born 1766, and died June 16, 1814. He was a member of the House of Delegates from Middlesex 1796, and King and Queen 1798-9, 1799-1800. He raised and equipped an artillery Company and served with it with credit in the war of 1812, and was promoted to the rank of Major. He owned "Laneville," "Corbin Hall," "Moss's Neck," "Farley Vale," "Nesting Green Branch" and other valuable estates. He married Rebecca, daughter of James Parke Farley (formerly of Antigua), who married in 1771, Elizabeth Hill, daughter of Col. William Byrd (3rd) of "Westover." She died at "Laneville," Aug. 20, 1822. They had issue:

55. John, died at Carlisle College, Pa., Dec. 8, 1815, of wounds received in a duel with a fellow student the day before.

56. James Parke, of whom later

57. Rebecca Parke Farley, married 1st., May 17, 1821, John Fauntleroy, of "Waltham," Middlesex; 2nd. Dr. William N. Well-

ford. Another account says her 2d husband was Samuel Powell Byrd.

58. Elizabeth

59. Cartherine Carter, married 1827, Dr. Wm. L. E. W. Fauntleroy. One of these is stated to have married Charles Carter, of "Corotoman."

35. JOHN TAYLOE CORBIN, of "Gales," Middlesex County, married Jan. 31st 1799, Juliet Muse. His will is as follows:

"Having frequently considered the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life—I think it highly necessary that every man ought to be prepared for death—therefore I make this will though small my property, to have some satisfaction during my present stay in this world. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Juliet my house known by the name of Gales together with the furniture of all kinds in my house during her natural life—Negroes of all kinds except my man John, whom I wish to be free for his services whilst I am alive—I also give unto my wife any four horses that she may choose, and should I have a carriage that is also given her forever—Should what I have left her not be sufficient to support her, I must then beg that she may be furnished with £500 current money of Virginia; Item I give unto my Brother Richard Corbin of Laneville my plantations known by the name of Hall and Gate Quarter—hoping that he will provide well for his son John, being a favorite of mine. I give and bequeath unto my Brother Gawin L. Corbin of King's Creek 15 negroes—young ones between the age of 8 and 14—and any two horses, the above four taken out as above mentioned. I would if I had it really give my Brother moor, but as he has a valuable plantation, a good manager and out of debt—I think it useless—I give unto my Sister Maria £300—Unto my Sister Anna £200—And to my Sister Matilda £150—I would give my Sister Betty a great deal but as she is so well off it would be taking from the needy; therefore she will receive 10 guineas to purchase a mourning locket. My dear Brother Richard will pay all those incumbrances as they are called, but I hope he will not find them so, together with all my debts—and thank God they are but few.

And then dear Brother accept all my plantations together with the negroes thereunto belonging, with my Black-smiths—the above mentioned negroes only excepted for Wife and Brother—should I have a son I must then leave everything to him of every denomination whatsoever—and should I have a daughter I must give her, or indeed request my Brother Richard to pay her £3000 current money of Virginia when married or at the age of twenty—allowing him six months to do so—My Brother Richard will take my children, if I have any and put them to some good school, far indeed very far from home, should my wife marry, I beg that my children may be immediately removed from the house, and great care taken of my plantations by my Brother—My ser-

vant John, I wish my Brother to give 10 pounds and my negro women Jane and Felicia—I must now beg my Brother Richard will pay great attention to what I have done as he is chiefly interested—My dear wife I hope is perfectly satisfied knowing how small her fortune was—Indeed I hope all my relations are perfectly satisfied, if they are not, it is not my fault as I have endeavored to do the best—I expect you all will certainly know my name and hand.

Gales Feb. 2nd 1799.

John T. Corbin.

I forgot to mention that when my wife dies, that plantation and negroes go to my Brother R. Corbin—my only reason for taking my children from my wife when she marries is that I know the Father-in-Laws are generally like the step-Mothers—and you know how they are.

Gales Feb. 2nd 1799.

John T. Corbin.

The above will was proved at a Court held for Middlesex Co., Virginia, January 27, 1800; and was recorded.

F. M. Eastman, Clerk."

John Tayloe and Juliet Corbin had one child, born after her father's death:

(a) Juliet Tayloe, married Walter Healey, of Middlesex County.

36. GAWIN LANE CORBIN, of "Kings Creek," York County, was educated at William and Mary and was chosen one of the visitors of that College in 1810. He was a member of the House of Delegates from York County 1808-09, 1810-11, and 1811-13 and served in the War of 1812 as Major in the Virginia Militia. In an action near Hampton June 1813, he was wounded in the leg and his left arm was shattered.

"The memorable affair at Hampton" of June 25, 1813, referred to in the obituary (printed later), and in which Major Corbin as second in command distinguished himself, is described in Lossing's *FIELD BOOK OF THE WAR OF 1812*. Lossing narrates that the British fleet, smarting under an unsuccessful attack upon Graney Island, put ashore at Hampton 2500 men under Sir George Cockburn and Sir Sidney Beckwith. The Americans under the command of Col. Stapleton Crutchfield numbered about 450. Badly outnumbered as they were they fought gallantly, but finally had to give up Hampton. The British then entered the town, and some of their troops behaved in a manner worthy of Apache Indians or the worst element of the German army in the recent war. Sir Charles Napier who was present said: "Every horror was perpetrated with impunity—rape, murder, pillage—and not a man was punished." British commissioners appointed to investigate the affair reported that "We are compelled to believe that acts of violence have been perpetrated which have disgraced the age in which we live"; and added: "Even the females did not scape."

The *Richmond Enquirer* of June 29, 1813, has the following items:

"Brought by express this morning, at one o'clock in the night of 26th of June. Maj. Gawin L. Corbin of York County is killed.

"Still Later.

"Corbin is not dead, though his arm had been shattered and his leg stricken by balls.

"Maj. Corbin was wounded in the arm and leg at the head of his column."

Following is an obituary of Major Corbin:

"*The Norfolk and Portsmouth Herald* Wednesday, November 28, 1821.

Died at his seat on King's Creek, York County, on Saturday the 3d instant, Major *Gawin Lane Corbin*, in the 43d year of his age. A correspondent who communicates this intelligence has accompanied it with a eulogy on the merits and public services of the deceased. In the memorable affair at Hampton on the 25th of June 1813, Major Corbin was second in command. His bravery on that occasion was conspicuously displayed, and rewarded by the approving voice of the country. The wounds he received on that day incapacitated him for further service in the army, and he retired to the bosom of his family.

Major Corbin was for many years a member of the General Assembly for the county in which he lived. In that body it was his aim to be useful rather than ornamental, and his constituents found in him a faithful and active representative. "As a politician (we give the words of our correspondent,) he was firm and steadfast, confiding always and on all occasions in the virtue of Washington, and professing alliance to no other sect than those who applauded his policy. He received his education at William & Mary, and the Trustees, a body of much erudition and learning, in testimony of his qualifications, at an early period of his life, elected him one of their body. In private life he was one of the most hospitable and polite men of the present time, and was always active to the call of humanity.

"But he has taken his final leave of this sublunary scene—and it becomes us with philosophical resignation to exclaim with Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord." What remorse, what distress, what deprivation shall make us rebel at divine mandates! What, though his body lies interred among the herbs of yon valley, may we not proudly proclaim that his soul has commenced its peregrinations to that world where abide the spirits of just men made perfect?—If Rome could boast of a Cæsar, France of a La Fayette, and the world of a Washington, the county of York may boast that she once had a Gawin L. Corbin."

Will of Gawin Lane Corbin.

"In the Name of God Amen, I Gawin Lane Corbin of York County, being of lawful age, and sound mind. Do make publish and declare. This for and as my last Will and Testament. I give to my son Richard R. Corbin my whole estate subject to the payment of my just debts, and the following legacies.

To my son Dr. Gawin Lane Corbin I give the sum of one thousand dollars merely as a token of my love as he has often expressed to me his wish for me not to leave him any thing considerable, as it might confirm the slander circulated against him, viz. That a view to my property influenced his conduct. To my daughter Lucy B. Corbin I give the sum of five thousand dollars. The interest to be annually paid for her support. The principal in five annual payments after her marriage. It is my further desire that she be provided with a maid servant. To my Daughter Anna B. Corbin I make the same bequest as to her sister and upon the same conditions. If either of my children die without issue. It is my desire the portion hereby given to such child be equally divided among my surviving children. My servant Peter I desire may be emancipated at my death. I appoint my son Richard R. Corbin, my relations William and Robert P. Waller Administrators to this last will written and signed with my own hand Sept. 22, 1821.

Gawin L. Corbin.

At a Court held for York County the 19th day of November 1821, This will was produced in Court for proof, and thereupon Robert P. Waller and Samuel Sheild being sworn, deposed and say that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of Gawin L. Corbin, having frequently seen him write, and verily believe that the said will together with the signature Gavin L. Corbin thereto subscribed were wholly written by him whereupon the same is ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Sam Sheild Cy. C."

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Will book No. 10 pp. 389, 390.

Major Gawin Lane Corbin married, Aug. 12, 1800, Maria, widow of Richard Randolph of "Curles," and daughter of Robert Beverley, of "Blandfield."

They had issue:

60. Richard Randolph, of whom later
61. Lucy Beverley, born at "Kings Creek," Sept. 1, 1804, married ——— Goodall.
62. John Tayloe, born at "Kings Creek, Aug. 1, 1806, died March 1, 1809.
63. Ann Byrd, born at "Kings Creek," Nov. 26, 1808 and died Feb. 3, 1837. She married Dr. William H. Sheild, of York Co., at "Sea View," Gloucester Co., Nov. 29, 1831.

(To be continued)